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**COLORADO MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT  
FOR ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that 24-year-old Luis Miguel Macias of Aurora, Colorado, was sentenced this morning to five years in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release for assaulting a federal officer resulting in bodily injury.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Philip Martinez ordered that Macias pay \$2,336.79 restitution to his victim, a United States Customs and Border Protection officer, as well as \$12,173.78 to the United States Customs and Border Protection.

On November 29, 2007, a federal jury convicted Macias. Evidence presented to the jury revealed that while driving down Gateway West in the early morning hours of May 25, 2007, Macias used his vehicle to threaten the officer who was riding his motorcycle home following his shift at the Yselta Port of Entry. As a result of an ensuing accident, the officer suffered numerous injuries including a deep laceration to his leg requiring stitches, as well as various scrapes and bruises. Testimony elicited during the trial indicated Macias' action was in response to his vehicle being searched by authorities at the port for contraband while entering the United States approximately 30 minutes prior.

The case was investigated by agents with Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorneys William F. Lewis, Jr., and Adrian Gallegos prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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